

## Oregon man told to finish college, then serve jail time

EUGENE (AP) — A 44-year-old Oregon man has been sentenced to two years in federal prison for scamming 91 eBay customers out of more than \$189,000.

But *The Bend Bulletin* reports that before Erik William Johnson spends time behind bars, he'll be allowed to finish his studies at Central Oregon Community College.

U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken ordered Johnson remain out of custody until September 2018.

Johnson pleaded guilty to money laundering. He launched his eBay scheme over a three-week period in June 2011. Court records show he received nearly \$190,000 in payments, but only shipped \$5,245 worth of Nikon and Canon cameras to customers.

He used the money to buy a 2006 Hummer H2 sport utility vehicle, a 2006 Volkswagen Beetle and a Breitling Aeromarine Super Avenger watch.

## City snapshot

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- City of Sisters Community Development Director Patrick Davenport reported at last week's City Council workshop that residential development so far in 2017 is very active. More zoning and building permits have been issued in the first six months of this year than were issued in all of 2016. The number is already double the total for 2015. There are currently 13 land-use applications in the hopper. Three companies with active site plans in the North Sisters Business Park would like to begin construction as soon as possible.

- Sisters City Council approved the recommendation of the Parks Advisory Board to name the stage at Fir Street Park "Songbird Stage." The metal artwork mounted on the back wall of the stage, designed by local artist Paul Allen Bennett, depicts a tree full of songbirds, signifying the importance of music and nature in our community. Metal letters spelling out the stage name will be placed above the tree.

- Last week's City Council meeting was the first for new City Manager Brant

Kucera who assumed his duties on July 5. He reported that he had met individually with each of the City employees and City Councilors and found everyone to be very professional with positive attitudes. He had also done an interview with Bend radio KBND and plans to do so every few months to keep the public informed about happenings in Sisters. Kucera was invited by the local VFW chapter to participate in taking down the American flags around town while they gave him a tour of the town.

- Coming down the pike this fall will be a new visioning process to create the Sisters Country 2040 Vision. The last one was completed 10 years ago, and many projects and goals identified at that time have been completed. Sisters is a rapidly

growing community, and the time has come to update the community's vision for the future to best guide that growth. The update will set new goals and a specific, measurable action plan so the community can assess how the vision is being implemented.

A variety of stakeholders will be involved in the process including all major community organizations – Sisters School District, Chamber of Commerce, EDCO, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department, SPRD, Citizen4Community and other formal and informal community groups. Citizens within the city limits as well as Sisters Country residents outside the city limits will be encouraged to participate. The visioning process will be conducted by a professional consultant and

will provide a good forum for healthy civic engagement. The completed document will not be regulatory but rather a vision statement with goals and objectives and an action plan to bring it to life.

- The work being done on the Highway 20 median extending from the roundabout out to Railway Avenue is being done at night. The streetlights for the roundabout are installed and ready to go as soon as Central Electric Cooperative provides the power. Final paving will be done to smooth out the dips and uneven pavement in the highway. When the roundabout work is complete, ODOT will conduct a speed zone study to determine the proper speed for approaching and traveling through the roundabout.



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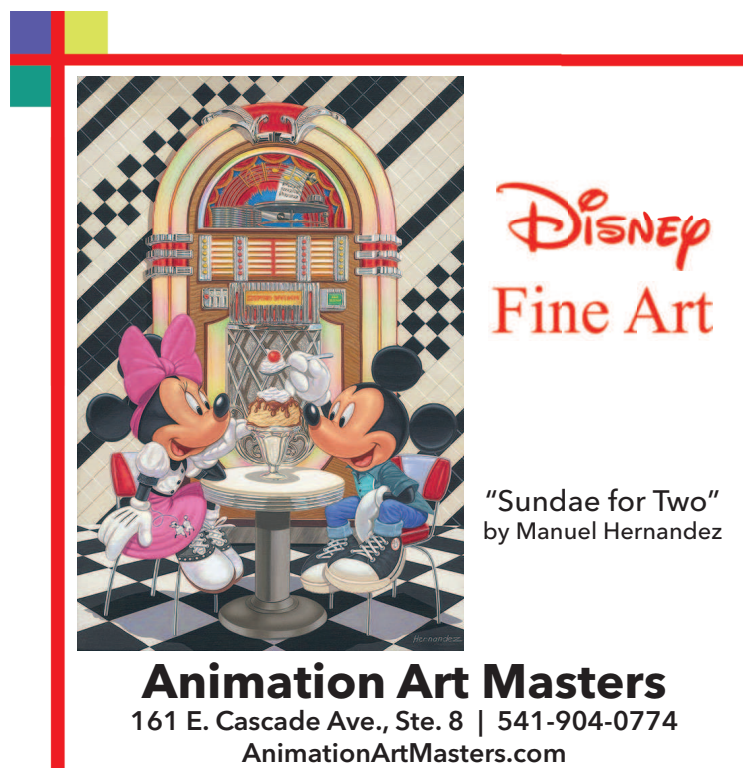


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